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FEATURED EXHIBITS
(FEBRUARY 2015)

♦ **First Ladies in
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Cleveland to Michelle
Obama.

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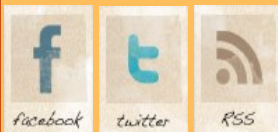
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Ten Years Ago (February 2005)

Softball Season Opener

The softball team stepped onto the field for the first time in school history against Northwood University in a double header. University President Rodney Maubry, Dr. Dale Lunsford, Vice President of Student Affairs and External Relations, and Athletic Director Dr. Howard Patterson threw out the ceremonial first pitches. Starting pitcher Jenelle Morrison had the honor of throwing the first game pitch and during the game allowed two runs on four hits in seven innings. Northwood took the first game 2-1. For the second game, the crowd of 388 witnessed a UT Tyler victory of 8-0.

Student Enrollment Increases to 5,265

President Rodney H. Mabry announced that University enrollment increased 10 percent since spring 2004. As of the 12th day of class for the spring 2005 semester, enrollment stood at 5,265 for the Tyler, Longview and Palestine campuses, of which 4,763 are from the Tyler campus. Enrollment for the Spring 2005 semester included students from the East Texas community, along with 31 states and 52 countries.



Photo By Chris Kemper
Sara Jones gets tagged out as she slides into home plate Sunday afternoon when the Patriots lost to Northwood College two to one in the first of a season-opening doubleheader.

Twenty Years Ago (February 1995)

Black History Month Presentations Held

UT Tyler presented the Zambian Acapella Choir and the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in honor of Black History Month. The programs were free and open to the public. The Zambian Acapella Choir, sponsored by the National Prayer Society, performed February 21 in the UC open area. The choir sang a combination of native African songs and songs learned from missionaries, performed in five different native languages and English. The Martin Luther King Celebration, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Society was held February 24 in the UC open area. The program featured an evening of African storytelling by Dr. Dennis Mofoye, Academic and Management Coordinator of Texas College, and Dr. Emmanuel Onyegam, eighth-grade science teacher for T.W. Middle School in Dallas. Mofoye presented "Just Like an Angel" and "How Women Tell Stories." Onyegam presented "Being a Good Listener" and "What I Haven't Ever Seen Before."

Agreement Provides UT Tyler Access to TJC HPE Center

An agreement between UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College allowed UT Tyler faculty, staff, and students access to the TJC Health and Physical Education Center effective February 1. The agreement developed as a result of Partnership Steering Committee meetings. UT Tyler President George Hamm said, "I applaud Senator Bill Ratliff for expediting the process of maximizing the utilization of tax-supported facilities through the partnership agreement, which was approved in the last legislative session." The HPE center offered a gymnasium, cardiovascular workout room, aerobic dance studio, weight room, racquetball courts, and an aquatic area.

Thirty Years Ago (February 1985)

Linguist Comes to Campus

John Rassias visited campus on February 22 to give a seminar to language teachers and the public. Rassias developed his language teaching techniques for the Peace Corps in 1964. Rassias stated that his total immersion techniques were initiated because the Peace Corps volunteers were being taught diplomacy and politics instead of language and communication, skills that would allow them to deal with the people they were there to educate. The Rassias Method, or the Dartmouth Intensive Language Learning Model was developed in 1965 at Dartmouth, and was refined under a grant from the EXXON corporation in 1968.

Newspaper Thieves Strike

3,000 newspapers, including the still-bundled, undistributed portion that was in the hallway outside the admissions office was stolen February 28. The UT Tyler Patriot offered \$100 reward for information leading to the identification of the person or persons responsible for taking the newspapers.

Domestic Violence Clearinghouse Created

Dr. Bob Geffner, Associate Professor of Psychology and the Director of the Family Violence Research Program of The University of Texas at Tyler, Psychology Department, established a national clearinghouse. The clearinghouse compiled research of spouse abuse and couple violence. The program made available reference lists, annotated bibliographies and unpublished reports and papers concerning all aspects of family violence and includes treatment programs, prevention, characteristics of violent couples and related research.

Forty Years Ago (February 1975)

Dr. Bill Turney Resigns

Dr. Bill Turney resigned his post as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Tyler State College. Turney tendered his resignation to the TSC Board of Regents in a special meeting on campus February 5. The Vice President said "My reasons for tendering this resignation are based on my desire to accept a position at another institution." Dr. Turney was one of the first three administrators to join the TSC staff in 1972. During the President's Hour on February 6, Dr. James Stewart named Dr. Gerald Morris as interim vice president.

"Gripe Box"

Complaints from the Tyler State College gripe box included, better GI benefits, clocks in the halls, better food services, nor enough "walks" from teachers, postage machine, longer library hours, change machines, unfair check cashing fees, and more chairs in the Student Center. The gripe box was sponsored by Student Services and located by the juke box in the Student Center.

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